



*Some say the threat of crime is part of doing business.
No business is immune.*

*So what can you, as a business owner or merchant, do to create
a safer, secure environment for your employees and business?*

Take part in **BUSINESS WATCH**



For years, the Neighborhood Awareness program sponsored by the Bedford Police Department has proven to be one of the most effective means of crime prevention available for residents.

Now we're initiating **BUSINESS WATCH**, a crime prevention alliance of local businesses and their employees and the Bedford Police Department to help reduce and prevent crimes occurring in our business community.

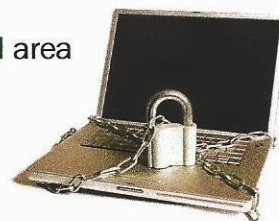
*Why have a **BUSINESS WATCH** program?* Financial crimes, robbery, shoplifting and burglary are major concerns of the business community. By working together and sharing information with the police and neighboring businesses, many problems can be decreased, resolved, or avoided. The possibility of identifying and arresting criminals also increases as more people become involved in the process.

MEETINGS WILL BE HELD ON THE FIRST WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH.

A short list of the information that will be shared:

- How to go about securing your business more effectively
 - What to do in the event of a robbery, shoplifting, etc
- Keeping your employees safe
 - Tips on eliminating computer or credit fraud
 - How-to tips on eliminating the opportunity for internal theft
 - Low-cost crime prevention measures using environmental design techniques
- Calls for service statistics for the **BUSINESS WATCH** area

will be available each month from the Bedford Police Department.



*The Bedford Police Department would rather work with you
to prevent crimes than spend time afterwards
apprehending the criminals!*

First meeting:

SEPT 5TH

10 am • 3rd floor

City of Bedford
Municipal Building
215 E. Main Street

For more info about the **BUSINESS WATCH** program sponsored by the Bedford Police Department, contact:

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If you are a business owner or merchant, we encourage you to attend. Together we can work towards securing your business against crime.

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